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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

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SUBJ: SYRIAN-IRAQI DISPUTE

DURING DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM MAY 20,
AMBASSADOR RAISED ISSUE OF SYRIAN-IRAQI DISPUTE, SAYING
HE WISHED TO ASSURE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT DESPITE
EDITORIALIZING IN DAMASCUS PRESS U.S. HAD IN NO WAY
"CHOSEN BAGHDAD AS INSTRUMENT TO DIVIDE ARABS."
ONLY U.S. CONCERN IN MATTER WAS THAT DISPUTE NOT COM-
PLICATE DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS TOWARD ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE
SETTLEMENT. KHADDAM REPLIED HE HOPED THIS WAS TRUE,
AND WHEN AMBASSADOR EMPHASITICALLY RE-AFFIRMED IT HE
COMMENTED ONLY THAT SYRIAN PRESS WAS "MODERATE" COMPARED
TO WHAT IT HAD BEEN IN PAST. KHADDAM ALSO SAID HE
EXPECTED EARLY SETTLEMENT OF SYRIAN-IRAQI DISPUTE.
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